



**CITY OF ROCKVILLE
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS**

**Youth Tennis Tournament Rules
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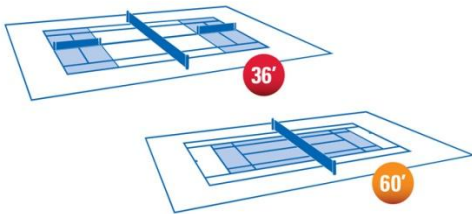
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1. Tournament outline:

- a. The tournament will be played on Saturday, May 11th at 1:00 p.m.
- b. The tournament will be a one day event.
- c. Youth will be separated into different age divisions:
 - i. 5-6 year olds – Tiny Racquets
 - ii. 7-8 year olds – Pee Wees
 - iii. 9-10 year olds – Midgets
- d. Divisions will not be divided by ability or gender.
- e. The format for the tournament will be a Round-Robin (non-elimination).

2. Court Dimensions:

- a. 36' court will be used for 5-6 year olds and 7-8 year olds.
- b. 60' court will be used for 9-10 year olds.



3. Event Schedule:

- a. Tournament start date: Saturday, May 11, 2012 (rain date: Saturday, May 18th).
- b. Event start time: 1:00 p.m.
- c. Tournament introduction from Tournament Director: 1:05 p.m.
- d. Tournament play starts at 1:20 after introduction.
- e. Tournament will be played at the same time for all age groups. The number of courts and divisions will be dependent on the number of registrants.
- f. The tournament will conclude with an award ceremony for all participants.

4. 5-8 year olds (Tiny Racquets and Pee Wees) specific rules for the tournament:

- a. Scoring:
 - i. Two out of three games to seven points.
 - ii. Players will change ends after each game.
- b. Serve:
 - i. Each participant serves twice (two points) then the next player serves.
 - ii. Normal serve or adapted serve (under arm).
 - iii. A maximum of 2 service attempts (unless net interference).
- c. Equipment:
 - i. Red-felt, 10 and under specific, tennis balls.
 - ii. Participants should use a 19-23 inch tennis racquet.

- iii. Will require specific nets to accommodate court dimensions (36') and participants.
 - d. Tournament format:
 - i. Participants will be separated by age and will play in small round-robin tournaments.
 - ii. One day tournament.
 - iii. Tournament played on 36' court (see diagram on page 1).
 - iv. 15 min rest period is recommended by USTA between matches.
 - e. Other conventional USTA Rules to stay the same.
- 5. 9-10 year old specific (Bantams) rules for the tournament:
 - a. Scoring:
 - i. 3 set match – using “Short Set” model and a 7 point tie-breaker in lieu of the 3rd set.
 - ii. Short Set = best to 4 (conventional) games. If game is tied at 4, players will play a 5th game - sudden death.
 - iii. Play conventional point system: “love, 15, 30 40, [deuce & ad.].
 - b. Serve:
 - i. Normal serve or adapted serve (under arm).
 - ii. A maximum of 2 service attempts (unless net interference).
 - c. Equipment:
 - i. Orange-felt, 10 and under specific, tennis balls.
 - ii. Participants should use a racquet no longer than 25”.
 - iii. Play on conventional nets, which will be lowered.
 - d. Tournament format:
 - i. Round-Robin tournaments with players divided into small divisions.
 - ii. One day format.
 - iii. Game played on a 60' court (see diagram on page 1).
 - iv. Rest period of at least 15 minutes is applied between matches.
 - e. Other conventional USTA rules relating to 10-and-Under will remain the same.
- 6. The role of the Tournament Director/Program Supervisor:
 - a. Train court mentors prior to the start of the program.
 - b. Create and supervise the 10-and-Under tournament.
 - c. Execute the ‘interactive intro to 10-and-Under tennis’.
 - d. Settle rule disputes.
 - e. Monitor court mentors.
- 7. The role of the Court Mentors:
 - a. To reinforce rules.
 - b. To liaise with Tournament Director.
 - c. To help direct players with technique difficulties.

- d. To help keep score and officiate.
 - e. To assist with 'interactive introduction to the 10-and under tournament', and closing award celebration.
 - f. Keep participants safe.
 - i. 5-6 year olds will have a mentor per court, 7-8 year olds will have mentor per every two courts, and 9-10 will have one per venue.
8. Participants will need to bring the following to the tournament:
- a. Appropriate sized racquet:
 - i. 5-8 year olds should use a 19" to 23", 9-10 year olds will need to bring a racquet no bigger than 25".
 - b. Refreshments (please stay hydrated).
 - c. Appropriate clothing and footwear for tennis and the elements.
9. AWARDS – Awards shall be as follows:
- i. A certificate will be given to all participants.
10. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY – Participants need *not* live or work in the limits of the City of Rockville to participate in the tournament.
11. WAIVER OF LIABILITY – The City assumes no liability for injury or damages arising from the results of participation in the adult tennis tournament. We strongly urge that each individual in the league have insurance to cover each individual appearing in every game and travel to and from each tournament game or that each player be covered by personal health insurance. At time of registration, each player will sign a waiver to participate in the tournament.